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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Arguments*

1. The reply brief filed 1/7/08 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

### *Conclusion*

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Arnel C. Lavarias whose telephone number is 571-272-2315. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:30 AM - 6 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephone B. Allen can be reached on 571-272-2434. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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